THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G. ROHINI

WRIT PETITION No.3422 OF 2007

ORAL ORDER:

This writ petition is filed seeking a declaration that the action of the 2nd respondent-Assistant Supply Officer, Circle V, Secunderabad, in seizing the stocks under a panchanama dated 15.2.2007 as arbitrary and illegal.

Though the petitioner had vehemently contended that all the allegations leading to impugned seizure are incorrect and without any basis, as could be seen from the counter affidavit filed by the

respondents the enquiry under Section 6-A of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 is pending before the 1st respondent-Chief Rationing Officer, Hyderabad.

Since, admittedly, enquiry under the Act is pending before the 1st respondent, who is the competent authority, I am not inclined to express any opinion on merits. Instead, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the 1st respondent to complete the enquiry and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of 8 weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Till such time, stocks seized shall not be sold. No costs.

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(G. ROHINI).

16th April, 2007.
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M/s Bhavani Trading Company, represented by its
Proprietor Manoj Kumar Jhawar. .. Petitioner.

And

Chief Rationing Officer, Hyderabad at
Opp: Anand Talkies, Secunderabad
and another. .. Respondents.